

# CITY OF FDL

## CITY CONNECTION

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**"UNTIL PEOPLE DECIDE THEY WANT TO STOP TAKING THE DRUG, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY FIGHT THIS FIGHT."**

#### MILLION-DOLLAR HEROIN BUST



#### POLICE DEPARTMENT — 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS by William Lamb

I am always proud to share that the men and women of the Police Department have taken on quite a few major tasks and accomplished a great deal in the past several years, and 2017 will definitely go down in the books as yet another year in doing so. To name just a few...

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tation (WILEAG) process. In addition to pursuing accreditation, we have simultaneously begun incorporating 'Lexipol' law enforcement best practices into policy, procedures, training, and standards. Attaining WILEAG Accreditation will put our Department in a top tier of agency's but incorporating Lexipol standards on top of it is the accreditation process on steroids.



⇒ Our drug enforcement efforts remain amongst our most intensive operational goals and 2017 yielded the arrest of eleven individuals that were involved in a major heroin trafficking ring that extended from Chicago to Fond du Lac and beyond. Our Officers helped build a drug traf-

ficking conspiracy case that showed that this group had distributed more than 15.4 pounds of heroin between March of 2015 and February of 2017. The estimated value of the heroin that they trafficked onto our city's streets and

⇒ This year we began the long and challenging journey toward the completion of one of the most important and largest of the many goals we had established for the Police Department - the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accredi-

⇒ Most of us recall the days when emergency drills or preparation in our schools, churches, or work places were limited to tornado and fire drills. Now, tragically, many businesses and organizations know that their emergency preparedness should include training for events of violence, such as



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#### KEYWON BROWN: POLICE OFFICER ENCOURAGING ACTS OF KINDNESS

"He's trying to change the people of Fond du Lac to be better people," said one nominator of Fond du Lac police officer Keywon Brown, in a heartfelt phone call with USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin. "He believes in daily acts of kindness, if it's holding the door for someone or giving someone \$50 for groceries at random. He supports Fond du Lac, he

volunteers and he brings everyone together."

Life Enforcement, the program Brown started, hopes to "inspire and guide our community member's passion and focus it on purposeful selfless acts of kindness," according to its website, and encourages members to find ways to take care of those in need.

For the Christmas season, Life Enforcement goes into overdrive, with its family Christmas dinner. According to Brown's nominator, who is a volunteer with the organization, 100 to 150 people are recommended as people who may be in need of a free Christmas dinner.



#### BUSINESS CONNECTION—MUNICIPAL SERVICE CENTER by Jordan Skiff

Envision Greater Fond du Lac's monthly business connection was held in our very own Municipal Service Center on December 19! Approximately 40 business leaders from around the community attended, enjoying a delicious spread coordinated by Tessa Schmidt. In addition to the great conversations that took place, Ray Dilts and Dick Flynn

took groups on tours of the shop. Without exception, people were impressed with the size, number, and diverse functions of the equipment they saw. Even more impressive is the staff that maintains and operates this equipment to do so many good things around our community, often without notice.

City Council President Karyn Merkel and Joe Moore spoke highly of our City staff, and even though most of the conversation focused on Public Works, it was evident that the City staff and services are viewed very positively by our business community.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT (CONT)

an “active shooter” incident. To help us do our part the Police Department now has several members who are nationally certified to train both Officers and civilian community members in this area. In 2017 alone, we provided training for 2,300 members of our community on how to best protect themselves from acts of mass violence. That training was provided to 35 different businesses, groups, or organizations in our community. In the past two years combined, we have now provided that training to more than 70 different organizations and with more than 4,000 people participating. Of course, we all hope that such an event does not occur in our community - but hope is not a strategy. That said, we have been very pleased that so many in our community are obviously willing to take a proactive and precautionary ap-

proach, and are willing to tackle this societal issue head on.

⇒ In a similar theme, earlier this year we added another capability to our SWAT Team – explosive breaching. Breaching is a term that is used for those situations where we must forcibly enter some type of a building or structure. Historically speaking, breaching is something that we have had to do manually with a door ram, pry bar, or sledgehammer. However, as our nation is experiencing increasingly more sophisticated and planned incidents of violence, we need to ensure that our tactics and capabilities continue to evolve to ensure that we are adequately trained, equipped, and prepared to meet those threats. We have now trained and certified two members of our SWAT Team as ‘explosive breachers’ and have acquired the equip-

ment we need to add this capability to our team. Through this new expertise, we can now use explosive charges to gain entry to buildings or structures where traditional breaching methods would not work or where there would be limited effectiveness. Of course, in those situations that would greatly strengthen our ability to save innocent lives. Our Department is now one of only a few in the State of Wisconsin with this capability.

So those are just a few of the many accomplishments that the dedicated men and women of the City of Fond du Lac Police Department accomplished this year. We are very proud of our role and our accomplishments but we would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you and to acknowledge all of the great partners that we have in the other City departments and throughout City government. Regardless of how you partner with, provide us with re-



sources, or otherwise assist or support us, we know that you all play a critical role in helping us most effectively pursue our mission.

Special thanks to all of you for your support in 2017 and we look forward to working together to accomplish even greater things in the service of our City in the New Year.





## OUR MISSION

Fond du Lac City Government's mission is to provide excellent local government through responsiveness and accountability to the citizens of Fond du Lac. Our values: Excellence in Service, Honesty, Integrity, and Personal Accountability guide everything we do.

### NEW YEAR—NEW BENEFITS

Visit <https://www.fdl.wi.gov/departments.iml?DeptID=39&DeptPage=164> for the Summary of Coverage and Benefits for 2018 as well as information on added benefits.

### Baby News

Alyvia Jagdfeld  
(daughter of Amy Jost) -  
Police  
Ezra Fulton (son of  
Nick) - Engineering  
Micah Birschbach (son  
of Cody) - Fleet  
Bentley Czaja (son of  
Nick) - Fire  
Meah Medema  
(daughter of Marc) -  
Police



### Marriage News

Kelly Grover (Water) -  
November



## Milestone Anniversaries

### 25 Years

Steve Klein (Police)

### 20 Years

David Forster (Water)

### 15 Years

Rick Faris (Fire)

### 10 Years

Alan Jolin (Fleet)  
Keywon Brown (Police)  
Matthew Chevremont (Police)  
Camille Vandermolen (Police)  
Jeff Elsinger (Fleet)

### 5 Years

Dylan Thurmer (Police)

